GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LIFTING OF BAN ON INDIAN COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether America has recently lifted ban on Indian companies from exporting material to the nuclear weapon programme; (

(b) if so, the details of Indian companies benefited by this U.S.decision; (

(c) whether there are number of Indian companies / institutions still in the US prohibitory list; (

(d) if so, the details thereof; and (

(e) the efforts made by the Government to get these companies / institutions removed from this list?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d): USA has lifted number of unilateral restrictions imposed on Indian companies by a final rule published in Federal Register Notification dated 1.10.2001. The entities that remain on the Entity List are :

Defence Research and Development Organisation (4 entities), Department of Atomic Energy (3 entities and all nuclear reactor activity related entities, including power plants) and Indian Space Research Organisation (8 entities).

(e) : Government has used every opportunity to convey to the US that all unilateral restrictions against India are unjustified and counterproductive and should be completely lifted.